SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

RE: JOELLE A. MEADE, RN

License No. R-034523,

Licensee.

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WHEREAS, Joelle A. Meade, RN, ("Licensee"), is licenced to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and holds license number R-034523; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2013, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") accepted a Voluntary Surrender Consent Order signed by the Licensee on June 14, 2013, arising out of Licensee crossing professional boundaries within the context of the nurse/patient relationship and also allegations of conversion of funds provided to her by a resident's family for a facility purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Surrender Consent Order suspended the Licensee's RN license for an indefinite period subject to a reinstatement request pursuant to SDCL § 36-9-59, as the Board in its discretion may determine; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee made a reinstatement request in writing dated January 24, 2014, and personally appeared before the Board on March 27, 2014, at which time the matter of Licensee's reinstatement was presented to the Board. The Licensee presented documentation supporting her reinstatement. This included documentation of letters of apology written to her employers and to the resident's family member. The Board was also provided with a report from Licensee's clinical social worker, letters of recommendation and documentation of the completion of six remediation modules taken by the Licensee. Licensee also provided testimony and answered questions of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request, the statement and documents provided by the Licensee, the previous Orders, as well as Licensee's own testimony and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That the Licensee's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby reinstated.

Name of Document: Order of Reinstatement Licensee: Joelle A. Meade

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order of Reinstatement was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 27th day of March, 2014, by a vote of 8-0.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

Executive Director